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MEETING ON TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF ENERGY SITUATION

REF: OECD PARIS 05113

1. US DEL TO TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL NOT BE PREPARED
DISCUSS ASPECTS OF TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF ENERGY
SITUATION AS PROPOSED BY HERMES IN HIS LETTER REPORTED
REFTEL. SHORT NOTICE DOES NOT PERMIT SUFFICIENT TIME
PREPARE FOR DISCUSSION OF COMPLEX AND SENSITIVE QUESTIONS
HERMES POSES. MOREOVER, WE STRONGLY SHARE VIEW OF MISSION
AND HOPKINS THAT IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER
IMPLICATIONS OF DECISIONS ON ENERGY POLICY WHEN THEY HAVE
NOT YET BEEN MADE EITHER INTERNATIONALLY OR NATIONALLY.
MISSION SHOULD, THEREFORE, STRONGLY DISCOURAGE DISCUSSION
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ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY HERMES AS PREMATURE AND

INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

2. IF OTHER DELEGATIONS AT HERMES INSISTENCE ARE PREPARED
TO HOLD INFORMAL DISCUSSION THIS MATTER AT TRADE COMMITTEE
MEETING, WE PROPOSE THAT IT BE LIMITED TO DISCUSSION OF
PAST AND CURRENT TRADE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE

RELEVANT TO WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE IEA AND
EXPRESSIONS OF WILLINGNESS OF TRADE COMMITTEE TO BE
HELPFUL IN ANY WAY THAT IEA GB MIGHT FIND APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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